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(November 25, 2004)- The 41st Annual Troy Turkey Trot, the premier road race in New York State on Thanksgiving, will take place Thursday morning, rain or shine.

As of Tuesday morning, more than 4,000 people had signed up for the race. The following are the scheduled start times of the four races.

- 8 a.m.- 1.5 mile Turkey Walk
- 8:30 a.m.- Grade School One Mile Run
- 9:15 a.m.- the open 5K
- 10:15 a.m.- the open 10K

This year the Troy Turkey Trot 10k will be host to the Adirondack Association open men's and women's 10k road race championships. Adirondack membership is required for championship awards. Separate USATF Adirondack Association awards will be awarded to the top individual male and female athletes and to the top club team athletes.

Following the open 10K run at approximately 11:20 a.m., Mayor Harry J Tutunjian will present the inaugural William J Carley trophy to the winner. Carley was the originator of the Turkey Trot during its humble beginning 41 years ago.

"This is one of our most time honored traditions," Tutunjian said. "And while I will be on hand rooting for all of the participants, rest assured I will not be running. This is a terrific way to start off your Thanksgiving holiday, and we are hoping for a record crowd this year."

The sponsors of the 41st Annual Turkey Trot include Pioneer Savings Banks, Fly92, Saratoga Water, and William J Fagan & Sons.